

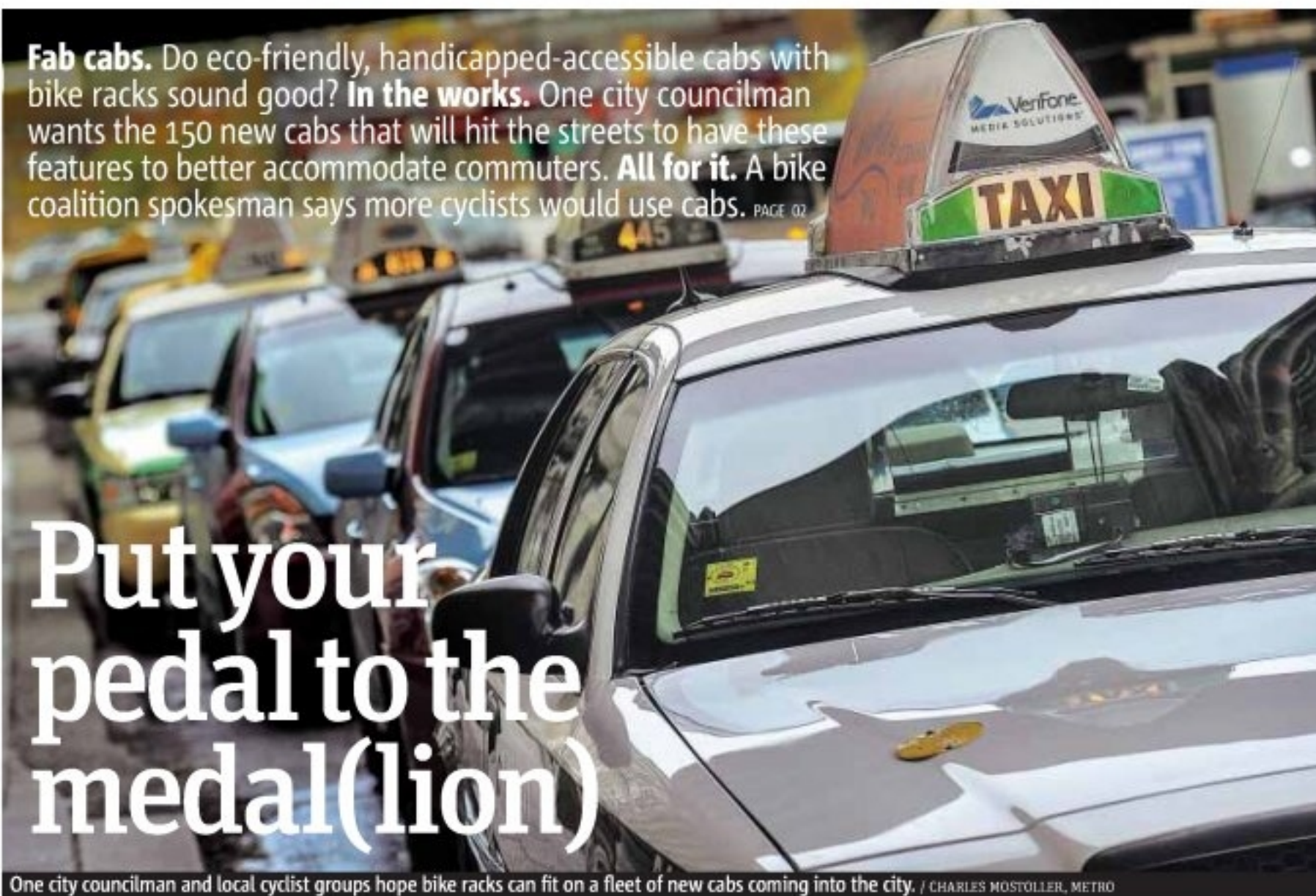


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**Fab cabs.** Do eco-friendly, handicapped-accessible cabs with bike racks sound good? **In the works.** One city councilman wants the 150 new cabs that will hit the streets to have these features to better accommodate commuters. **All for it.** A bike coalition spokesman says more cyclists would use cabs. PAGE 02

## Put your pedal to the medal(lion)

One city councilman and local cyclist groups hope bike racks can fit on a fleet of new cabs coming into the city. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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# If bikers need a ride, who they gonna call?

**Strap in.** With a growing population of cyclists, some feel it's time for taxis to adapt.

Sometimes, a biker needs a ride.

Whether it's fatigue, equipment malfunction or the rider simply had one too many cocktails at a local watering hole, the bicycle becomes a burden.

But where to turn? Some local outfits think they have a solution.

The city expects 150 new cabs to hit the streets in the next few years. And while the state Legislature controls the taxi industry, City Council can demand the new vehicles meet certain requirements.

City Councilman David Oh plans to hold a hearing and gather some suggestions on what conditions to set. He's thinking eco-friendly and handicapped accessible. It's an extension of the public transit system, he said.

"We have a lot of people using scooters and bicycles and all that," Oh said. "But you can't really shop on your bike. So the thing is, you might want to move into the city and use public transportation and if you want to go shopping, take a cab."

Well, what if the cab had a bike rack? You could do both, right?



Taxis wait outside 30th Street Station for passengers. If one had a bike, where would it go? / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## Go for a ride

### The politics of taxi cabs

Cab contracts are called medallions. Investors buy these medallions from the state, which allows them to rent

their cabs to drivers.

The most popular model cab is the Ford Crown Victoria, typically from the early '00s.

Currently there are 150 medallions for sale,

and Councilman David Oh said an investment group wants all of them.

"We have a very low number of cabs in total and there has not been an increase since 1974," Oh said.

## Quoted

**"We would love to see the promotion of making it easier to travel across the city with your bike. Because if we're going to reduce the pollution profile of the city, we do encourage mass transit and bike ridership, which is already some of the highest in the nation right now."**

Andrew Sharp, of PennFuture

Most cabbies won't allow a rider to shove his two-wheeler into the backseat or trunk. Every once in a while, a driver, like Ronald Blount, president of the Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania, will agree if the front tire comes off. But that's not the norm.

"So that might not be a bad idea," he said. "But I've just never personally seen it done before, and wouldn't know how to do it."

"I've never seen that with the taxis in New York, Chicago, San Francisco," he added. "Throughout my travels, I've never seen a taxi cab with a bike rack."

Nicholas Mirra of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia said a bike rack would be a win "from a bicycle accessibility perspective and from cab drivers' perspective."

"Philly is such a bike-friendly city; a lot of people get to destination A on their bike," he said. "To not worry about getting home and having the ability to just take a cab would certainly increase fares."

Montreal cabs already have a similar system in place. "So other cities have done it," he said.



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**"So astronomers say we're pretty common after all, as in billions of planets in the Milky Way much like ours. I kind of enjoyed being unique."**

@Jim\_Gardner — don't worry, Jim, you still are!

## Dispute. Double parking fight turns deadly in West Philly

A 23-year-old man is dead after he and another man exchanged gunfire in an apparent dispute over double parking in West Philadelphia early Sunday, officials said.

Police are investigating the fatal shooting on the 100 block of North Dewey Street and have questioned the private

security guard who killed Mark Ellis, 23.

The security guard reportedly was double parked when Ellis drove down the block looking to park his car. The two men exchanged words, then gunfire when Ellis was unable to pass.

Ellis was pronounced dead at the scene. **METRO**

## Big winner

### Unclaimed lotto ticket hits \$325,000

A Pennsylvania Lottery Cash 5 ticket, sold at the Chestnut BP at 4600 Chestnut St., hit for \$325,000 Saturday night. It correctly matched all five balls — 06, 07, 12, 27, 29 — to win the jackpot.

The gas station will receive a \$500 bonus.

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## Opening soon

### NHSL service will resume Nov. 11

SEPTA will resume full service along its Norristown High Speed Line on Monday, Nov. 11, following a four-month project to repair the Bridgeport Viaduct.

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## Vote. City controller and district attorney among key contests

Among the local races, City Controller Alan Butkovitz (D) will defend his office against Terrence Tracy (R), and incumbent District Attorney Seth Williams (D) is against Daniel Alvarez (R).

There are six vacancies on common pleas court and three in the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

Statewide, a seat is open on the state Superior Court. Voters will choose between Vic Stabile (R) and Jack McVay Jr. (D).

Two Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justices, Chief Justice Ronald Castille and Justice Max Baer, are up for renewal of their 10-year terms. Voters mark either "yes" or "no" to retain the justices, who face no opposition.

Voters in Philadelphia will also be faced with a city bond question: Should the city borrow \$94,745,000 to be spent for transit; streets and sanitation; municipal buildings;

### Election notes

Voters in New Jersey will cast their ballots for governor.

- Incumbent Chris Christie (R) will face Barbara Buono (D) and six independent candidates.
- Voters in N.J. will also answer two questions: one on using game of chance money to support veterans' organizations, and a second on raising the minimum wage.
- Polls in Philadelphia are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and in N.J. from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

parks, recreation and museums; and economic and community development?

**TOMMY ROWAN AND  
CHRISTINA PACIOLLA**



## Reading up on the best dance moves

First-grade student Zaire Stokes, 6, dances with the Phillie Phanatic at a Reading Relay event at the Russell Byers Charter School in Center City on Monday, where students were given free books by KPMG. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

### Do you agree?

## Website: Philly is underrated

Business Insider, a business and technology website, recently named Philadelphia the most underrated city for people who are in their 20s.

Even though its AreaVibes score wasn't so great (Philadelphia did not score so well in the crime and education areas), its millennial ranking was high.

The City of Brotherly Love got great scores when it came to public transportation, having a large single population and a healthy amount of parkland, according to the website.

Earlier this year, Complex, a popular men's lifestyle website, named Philadelphia as the eighth most overrated city in the country. **METRO**

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## It Could Happen to You - Contributing Factors...

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# Jersey trio faces assault charges after altercation

**Caught.** Two men suffered facial lacerations in the early morning South Philly fight.

Three Gloucester County, South Jersey men were charged with aggravated assault after a fight broke out in South Philadelphia early Sunday morning, Philadelphia police announced.

Police responded to the 1200 block of East Passyunk Avenue on an assault call at about 2:10 a.m. They found two men suffering from head lacerations. Witnesses told police three possible sus-



Ryan Dorney, Christopher Eaton and Angelo Regalbuto are all from Gloucester County. / PPD

pects fled in a Nissan.

The suspects were stopped by police and arrested on the 3700 block of South Front Street at about 4 a.m.

Ryan Dorney, 25, of Franklinville, Christopher Eaton, 28, of Sewell, and Antonio Regalbuto, 24, of Clayton, have been

charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

They were also charged with criminal conspiracy and other related charges.

The men with facial lacerations were transported to Jefferson University Hospital in stable condition. **METRO**



## Autumn has arrived

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## Limited. Obamacare expedited bidding of who could build site

The race to construct an online insurance exchange by Oct. 1 spurred the Obama administration to use an expedited bidding system that limited its choice of a builder to just four companies, including CGI Group.

Eighteen months elapsed after passage of the 2010 health care overhaul before CGI was selected to begin work, government documents show. That left the Montreal-based vendor two years to create a website, [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov), designed to link consumers with insurers while drawing data from a variety of U.S. agencies.

The relatively short time frame for the work and the political controversy surrounding the law probably signaled the project was "doomed from the start," said Larry Allen, head of a McLean, Virginia, consulting firm. Now, CGI

### Software flaws

Initially, officials blamed the unexpectedly high numbers on the first day overwhelmed the system.

- Since then, the Obama administration has identified a number of software flaws that led to the problems, criticized CGI's handling of the work, named another software company to supervise their work and pulled in engineers from Google Inc., Red Hat Inc. and Oracle Corp. to help get the website working smoothly by the end of this month.

and the administration are sorting out what went wrong and how to fix the site by Nov. 30, when uninsured Americans will have weeks to sign up for coverage. **BLOOMBERG**

# Kerry says US-Saudi ties strategic, enduring

**Dispute.** Kerry also spoke about the Israel-Palestine peace process and on Egypt.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday played down any rift with Saudi Arabia, saying relations between the two countries were strategic and enduring and that both agreed negotiations were the only way to stop Syria's civil war.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal in Riyadh after talks with King Abdullah, he also said Washington would not let Iran acquire nuclear weapons.

The Syrian crisis could only end with "a negotiated political solution. This crisis will not end through military force in our judgment," Kerry said.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry listens to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal speaking during a joint press conference Monday in Riyadh. / GETTY IMAGES

"A negotiated political settlement as laid out in the Geneva communiqué we believe is the best way to end the bloodshed, respond to the humanitarian crisis in Syria, to counter the violent extremist groups that we both agree are growing in their threat to all of us and must be

stopped," he added.

Saudi Arabia, Washington's main Arab ally, is angry over what it sees as a weak foreign policy on the part of the Obama administration which has allowed Israel to continue building settlements in the Palestinian territories and conflict to persist in Syria. **REUTERS**

### Militant's killing

Washington is sensitive to Pakistan's concerns

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry suggested on Monday an attack that killed a Pakistani Taliban leader was justifiable but added Washington was sensitive to Pakistan's concerns, after Islamabad denounced the raid as a blow to peace talks.

Hakimullah Mehsud, who took over as leader of the al Qaeda-linked Pakistani Taliban in 2009, was killed on Friday, along with three others, in a U.S. drone strike in northwest Pakistan, security and Taliban.



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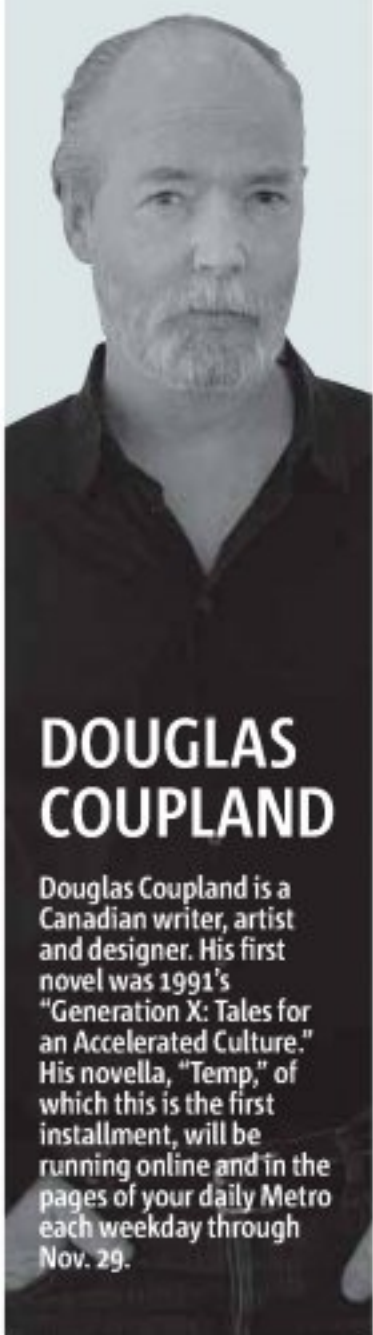
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Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the first installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

# Day 2: Temp accepts a slightly random date for the company

Today was Thursday. In the future, every day of the week will be Thursday. We're all going to be working to the grave and we all know it so days of the week will be meaningless. I call it Permathurs — I just happened to see the future before most people. Permathurs isn't totally bad, but without the Internet it would be truly horrible.

My morning highlight was when Kyle the bike courier showed me his new forearm tat, a bleeding dagger, which sounds cliché but it was actually kind of hot, even though Kyle's not my type. Everyone in the office thinks we're some Big Item, and when we flirt everybody turns into gum-chewing zoo visitors staring at the chimp cage hoping something frisky transpires.

Then the day quickly went sideways. First, my daily ride home bailed on me — my sister, Amy,

who just landed a gig teaching yoga for tweens at the now-empty Barnes & Noble on Route 34.

"Shanny, I hear buses are great these days. Like hotels, practically. You can blog about it — it's free content; you own your bus ride!"

Second, Kevin Taylor's and Andy Kimura's flight back from Beijing was grounded for a day because of a bird flu scare: scheduling mess. Third, there was a Norovirus outbreak at the Bunmeister during yet another

lunchtime farewell party.

At 4:30, while I was puzzling over how to bus it home, the Danimal hobbled up to my desk, obviously deeply regretting his Bunmeister's Cheesetastic Meatball-icious sub.

"Dan, maybe you need some of those superdrugs they give to people on cruise liners."

"Shannon, I need you to do some overtime for me — for the company."

Twice my regular hourly rate? "Sure. What is it?"

"I need you to take a

client out for drinks and dinner."

"What? No!"

"Shannon, here's the thing, all of us are dying and this guy has to be taken care of."

"Meaning?"

"Look, I'm not talking hookers and blow; I'm talking chicken fingers and 3-for-1 margaritas at Mister McFunbury's out by the off-ramp that takes you out to the oil refineries. This guy's not high up the food chain, but we can't not do something."

I stared him down.

"OK, one: a week of free taxi chits. Two: cash up front for the food — my cards are all maxed out. Three: drinks, dinner, dessert and good-bye. Two hours max."

"Agreed."

"Who is he, anyway?"

"I think he's the idiot son of one of the engineers who's disassembling one of our lines. Andy says he's the guy who inserts the harpoon so they can reel it all back to Asia."

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# HACK YOUR 401(K)

Wish you could wave a magic wand and make your 401(k) a whole lot bigger? These three hacks come pretty close to working some magic. "Retirement is going to be long, and it's going to be expensive," says Liz Weston, author of "The 10 Commandments of Money." "You want to maximize every penny you're saving."

## Save (even a little) more

Any idea how much you're saving? The ideal amount is about 15 percent, says Weston, "but 20 percent is even better," given your longevity and likely medical expenses as you age. If that sounds like a lot to sock away each pay period, do it gradually and get the company match if possible. (Some companies throw in 50 cents for every dollar you save.)

## Reduce costs

New government rules require your 401(k) provider to show how much you're paying in fees. If your statement isn't clear, speak to a plan rep. Your "all-in" (total) costs should be no more than 1 percent per

### One last thing

## Roll over your old 401(k)

If you have a 401(k) from an old employer, don't let it linger in limbo. You're likely paying high fees on that account. Roll it over into an IRA so you can resume saving.

Money experts advise saving 15 percent of your paycheck. /THINKSTOCK

year of your total balance — and ideally less. What to do now: If you're not invested in these already, switch to low-cost index funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) or even an inexpensive target-date fund. If these aren't offered by your plan, ask your employer why. "Many people don't realize that their employer has a choice in what funds they can offer," says Alex Benke, Betterment's CFP. If index funds are available, you could do

a lot worse than choosing a broad stock market fund (like an S&P index fund) and a bond index fund, if available, says Weston.

## Rebalance

What's the right balance of equities versus bonds in your retirement portfolio? Many people use the formula of 100 minus their age to decide the percentage of equities versus fixed income. Whatever you

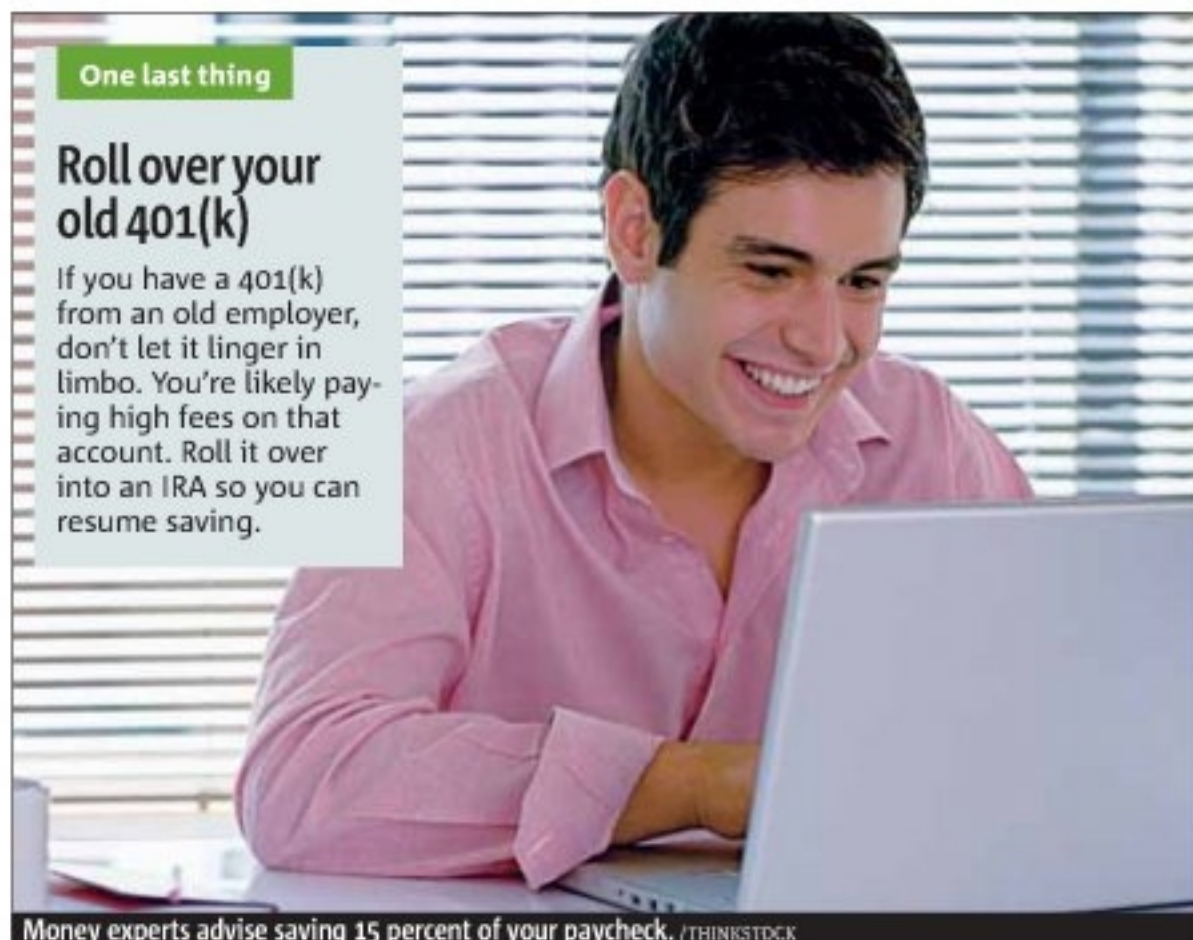
decide, that allocation will shift as the market moves. If you're 40 and started with a 60-40 allocation of stocks to bonds/cash, you could be at 70-30 now, a more aggressive allocation (i.e., you're taking on more risk for the possibility of greater returns). What to do now: To get back to your desired allocation, you may need to sell equities (in this case) and put more money into bonds. Rebalancing is crucial to keeping returns steady.

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Jon Stein is the founder and CEO of Betterment.



## Not for sale. Financially plagued BlackBerry drops plan to sell itself

BlackBerry Ltd is abandoning a plan to sell itself, the major thrust of the rescue campaign crafted by the smartphone company's board, and said on Monday its chief executive will resign.

Unable to get a buyout offer for the company finalized after a strategic review that lasted more than two months, BlackBerry said it will instead raise about \$1 billion from its largest share-

holder, Fairfax Financial Holdings, and other institutional investors. The moves pushed BlackBerry shares sharply lower. They were down almost 13 percent at \$6.77 late on Monday morning on the Nasdaq. "Now we're back to the downward spiral," said BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis. "They've got \$1 billion more cash that buys them time. The drumbeat of negativity is

likely to continue."

BlackBerry said Chief Executive Thorsten Heins will leave in about two weeks, as soon as the Fairfax-led private placement of convertible debentures closes. **REUTERS**

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Decline in BlackBerry's shares late Monday morning on the Nasdaq



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## Tip

**What's your advice to students looking into a career in law?**

My advice to people who are considering law school is to research intensively what lawyers actually do. Get a good sense of what legal jobs you want specifically before you go to law school. So many people don't understand what it is to work at a law firm, and I think if more people saw the day-to-day realities, they would make a better informed choice about whether or not law school is right for them. The legal profession plays a very important role in society. The problem is not with the law itself, it's a problem with a lack of knowledge of what the practice of law in all its forms really looks like.



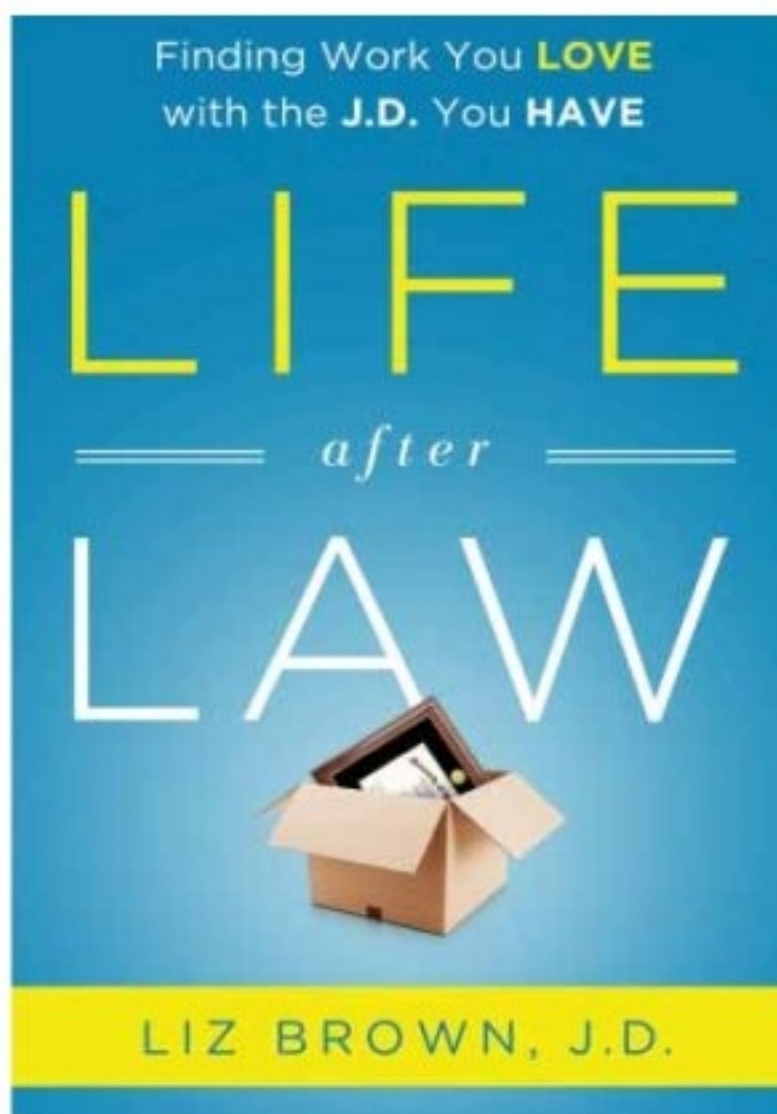
Liz Brown / PROVIDED

**Books.** Being a lawyer isn't the only choice for J.D.s.

Law school is famed for being a sure path to a decent (if not astronomical) salary, job security and an intellectually engaging career. But Liz Brown's success as a litigator started making her feel — in short — icky. So, she turned her back on the money and decided to see where else her Harvard Law degree could take her. Her exploration became a book, "Life After Law," where 30 former lawyers weigh in as a primer for J.D.s on how to leverage lawyer skills in fields as diverse as psychology, rabbinical leadership and journalism. Brown is happy to report that her work as a professor of business law at Bentley University, where she teaches law to business students, is a great fit.

**Why did you write "Life After Law"?**

I wrote the book because



## Quoted

"If you don't like fighting, then you're in big trouble if you're a litigator." Brown

it's exactly the advice I wanted to have when I was going through my own transitions. I had no idea how to leave the legal profession. I was embarrassed, because who wants to leave a nice high-paying job like that?

**Yeah, why did you?**

I just didn't enjoy litigating anymore. I didn't enjoy spending my life billing clients for work that honestly could have been done in half the time.

**That sounds lucrative.**

I spent my days fighting with people and my values had changed to the point where I wanted to do something collaborative and creative. If you don't like fighting, then you're in big trouble if you're a litigator. When I was in my 20s, it was fun to write snarky letters to opposing counsel or bite people's heads off professionally. In my 30s, it got old and a lot of the fight went out of me. The drive to do something important was still there, but I didn't know what it was. I knew

I wasn't spending my life doing something that I was proud of and that was bothersome.

**What do you think traps lawyers in the profession?**

I think that a mistake that lawyers make is to think all they can do is practice law in a different way or in a different setting. My book is about reframing the skills that lawyers have. It's not like starting over, it's moving over. The way you move over as a lawyer is translating what you've enjoyed doing as a lawyer into terms that a non-legal employer is going to find valuable.

**How can unhappy J.D.s figure out what to do?**

They should think about having a rewarding life and career. I want them to think beyond law firms and about what interested them in the law in the first place. Was it the writing? Was it the counseling? Was it the interest in justice?

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# 'Selling' out: A recent grad takes on sales

**Q&A.** Would sales be a good place for you? Get some info from a new grad.

A sales career comes with excitement, growth and opportunity — but it also takes a lot of passion and hard work to be successful. Just ask Jamie Kuepfer, a recent graduate navigating a career in sales. Jamie recently completed a three-year advanced business administration degree at Conestoga College in Ontario, Canada, with a co-op — practical work experience — in marketing. Kuepfer was able to

use his work experience and innate passion for the industry to launch his career in sales.

**Where did you find your passion for the sales industry?**

When I was 7 years old, I grew pumpkins in my mom's garden and sold them at the end of our driveway. For some reason, the idea of selling products always appealed to me. Later on, I got my first job at a farmers market, and I learned how to interact with customers and how to convince people to buy your product in an environment where they have lots of other options. This is where I realized

that I liked the challenges of selling and also realized that it was something I was good at.

**You completed an eight-month work cooperative during your studies. How was that useful?**

I think the co-op provided me with a lot of experience that I wouldn't have received in a classroom. I worked for an industrial supplies company and learned a lot about how interacting with customers in that environment can be very different from what I was accustomed to in retail.

**How did you get the job?** I made sure my résumé



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Jamie Kuepfer / PROVIDED

was the best it could be. I had friends and professors look it over and went to a résumé workshop where a professional gave me a few

pointers. I also practiced for some interview questions — I tried to not seem too rehearsed because employers aren't looking for that in a salesperson. I also went to several job fairs to make sure I had explored as many options as possible.

**How have you been able to progress so quickly in your career, and where do you believe your sales experience will take you?**

For me, a lot of it has been being in the right place at the right time. That being said, I wouldn't be in the

position I am if I hadn't networked and put myself out there. I also think that showing that I have the attitude to succeed has also helped me a lot. I'm happy where I am right now, I think that someday I would really like to be my own boss and have my own business, but we'll see.

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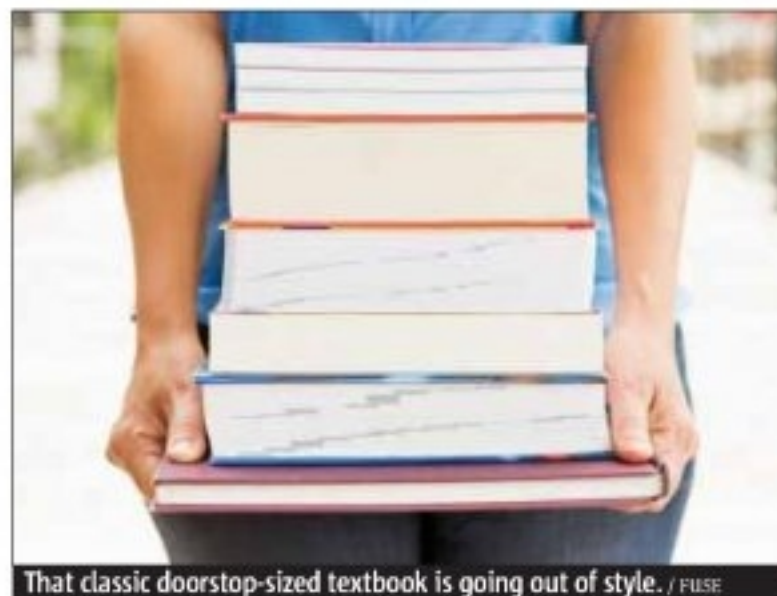
# Textbook sales decline

**Tablets.** A major publisher projects a dip and focuses on digital offerings.

British publisher Pearson says it expects its 2013 adjusted operating profit to be lower than last year due to weaker demand for college textbooks in its North American education division, sending its shares sliding.

The group did, however, reiterate its full-year earnings guidance — a key forward-looking metric — after reporting nine-month underlying sales up 2 percent due to strong demand in its professional and emerging markets divisions.

Analysts, who say the lower profit forecast was expected, describe Wednesday's trading update as mixed but say they did not expect to change their forecasts for the education and media group, which owns the Financial



That classic doorstop-sized textbook is going out of style. / FUSE

## Quoted

**"Market conditions remain strong in digital, services and emerging markets, but are more challenging in some of our largest textbook publishing markets."**

John Fallon, Pearson chief executive

Times newspaper.

Pearson has undergone a raft of management and structural changes in the last year, including a merger of its Penguin books division with Random House, designed

to increase its focus on emerging markets and digital services.

The group says the operating profit would be lower due to the weaker demand in its North American Education division

and accounting changes related to the books merger.

Education margins are expected to be lower than in 2012 due to pressures following lower freshman enrollments and weak bookstore purchasing.

The group says underlying revenue was up 5 percent in its international education unit and up 8 percent in its professional education division.

"Market conditions remain strong in digital services and emerging markets, but are challenging in some of our largest textbook publishing markets," Chief Executive John Fallon says.

"This reinforces the importance of our strategy of accelerated change, so that we can shift more capital and talent more quickly towards these growth opportunities."

The group, which put its Mergermarket news service up for sale in July, says the process of exploring a sale was progressing well. **REUTERS**

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## Pamela Anderson's post-marathon pain

Some marathoners can bounce back from a 26.2-miler like it was a walk in the park. Pamela Anderson does not appear to be one of them.

After her outing in Sunday's ING New York City Marathon, Anderson tweeted this pic, right, of herself covered in ice packs in bed. It's captioned, simply, "Ouch!"

I'm sure Anderson thinks the pain was worth it though: The "Baywatch" star, who ran the marathon with her brother Gerry, raised nearly \$76,000 for the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.

According to the marathon results page, Anderson finished the marathon in 5:41:03



Hang in there, Pammy! / TWITTER

— not bad for a 46-year-old lady who's used to running down beaches in slow motion. Several famous marathoners beat her though: Fellow beautiful person Christy Turlington bested her by nearly an hour with a time of 4:35:32, while "ER" and "Top Gun" star Anthony Edwards, visibly energized on the course by the cries of "Goose!" that New Yorkers shouted at him, crossed the finish line in 4:45:26.

Of course, the winner, Kenya's Geoffrey Mutai, could have finished the course twice before a single one of these celebs crossed the finish line. So Turlington shouldn't get a big head. **MELINDA TAUB**

## Michelle Pfeiffer was in a cult

Talk about dangerous minds. Michelle Pfeiffer says that in her early days in Hollywood she got sucked into a cult.

The future Catwoman moved to L.A. when she was 20 years old to break into show business and got pulled into the orbit of a couple she describes as "kind of personal trainers." The pair were believers in "breatharianism," the belief that people can survive with no food or water at all. They put her on a diet "no one could adhere to," Pfeiffer told the Daily Telegraph.

"They were very controlling. I wasn't living with them but I was there a lot and they were always telling me I needed to come more. I had to pay for all the time I was there, so it was financially very draining."

Pfeiffer was helping her first husband research a role in a film about the Sun Myung Moon cult when she realized she was in a cult herself.

Pfeiffer said she recognized the techniques used to draw her into the cult. "We were talking with an ex-Moonie and he was describing the

psychological manipulation and I just clicked," she said.

Good thing she got out! I wonder if that couple is still operating their racket. There are an awful lot of actresses who look like they're adhering to breatharianism these days.

**MELINDA TAUB**



## 2 CULTURE

### Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Joss Whedon cannot do karate, Roseanne Barr is worried, Alec Baldwin is also worried and Rebel Wilson is having trouble at home.

@josswhedon: If I could do karate I probably would

@TheRealRoseanne: the devil is strong in this world-

@ABFalecbaldwin: Can I back up my testosterone levels on iCloud?

@RebelWilson: I got HEAPS OF paper cuts today opening up a package of bathroom supplies. Such is life.

## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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## Someone give Zellweger her old face back

Aye yi yi. Renee Zellweger, no stranger to plastic surgery, was looking mighty different this Saturday at a screening for the new movie, "Long Shot: The Kevin Laue Story." It could be she just didn't feel like doing her makeup. Or brushing her hair. Or wearing her old face.

Look. We've all been there. But still, this new pinched face looks dramatically different from her old pinched face, right? Why did she have to go and ruin a perfectly good thing?



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The long-awaited film adaptation of "Ender's Game" has sparked more online discussion than most movies, whether among hardcore science-fiction fans or those upset about author Orson Scott Card's anti-gay views. So it would make sense for its 16-year-old star, Asa Butterfield, to avoid the Internet. But he's not one for conventional wisdom, apparently. And while he's been making his mark in lead roles for the most part in his young career ("The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" and "Hugo"), Butterfield appreciates that it's not the size of the part that matters — something he picked up from "Glengarry Glen Ross," of all places.

**Isn't it a bit dangerous when you're in a movie to go around looking for stuff about it online?**

Obviously I've got to respect that, of course, other people are going to have opinions, but I think it's impossible to not read things on the Internet. It's so widespread. You know Reddit? I'm on Reddit quite a lot, and I find that however much

other people's opinions influence you, if you enjoyed it and you think the film is amazing — which I think it is — as long as you think that, then sod what other people think, really.

**The Internet is famous for prejudging things, especially big Hollywood films.**

Yeah, you're right. It's hard to not think about them and think, "Wow, that's a good point." But wait, why are they jumping to conclusions? They haven't seen this film that we shot. So I'm sure when everyone sees it that everyone will be pleased.

# ASA BUTTERFIELD

"Ender's Game" star doesn't avoid the Internet.

## PLAYING WITH FIRE

**How do you approach choosing roles as a young actor?**

I sort of have a checklist of things. Don't do a film if the story isn't interesting, that's probably No. 1 on the list. And then, of course, you want your character to be as interesting as possible and not just be there to fill in the gap.

**Are there any areas where you can compromise if need be?**

For me, definitely one of the most important parts is the character. It may be a lead, it may be a supporting part. But as long as you can make your mark on the film,

then you've sort of done your job. And one of the films I always refer to when talking about this is — do you know the "Glengarry Glen Ross" film? Alec Baldwin comes in at the start and pretty much just tells them to sharpen up. That has one of the best pieces of acting I have ever seen. And it's his only scene in the film. I think it's definitely one of the most memorable scenes I've ever watched. So that's definitely something I reference when talking about how your character needs to have a purpose. You need to give all you've got to your character and let everyone else do their job.



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**Battling bigotry**

### The author's views

The controversy over Orson Scott Card's take on gay marriage seems to have peaked well before the film's release. People seem to have moved on or forgotten about it for the most part.

"I hadn't thought about it that way," Butterfield admits. "But

it's sort of over now, and people have realized that the film is separate. We love the story, but we don't agree with the author's views. It's as simple as that. And so yeah, I'm glad that we can share it with everyone being open to it."



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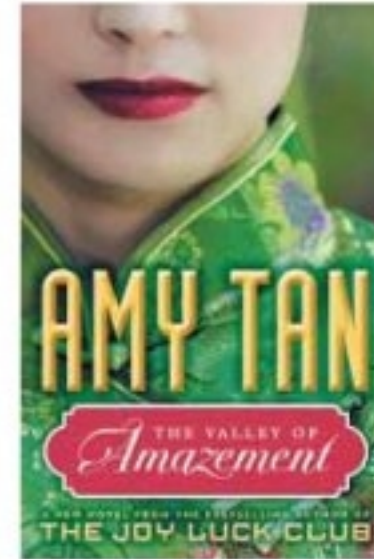
AMY TAN'S LATEST NOVEL WAS INSPIRED BY HER GRANDMOTHER.

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It all started with a single photo. Amy Tan was flipping through an old family album when she came across a picture of her grandmother she hadn't noticed before. "She was wearing a tight jacket, pants and a headband," Tan remembers. Having read a book about Shanghai in the early 1900s, Tan recognized the garb as the uniform for courtesans, prostitutes with high-society clients. "Of course I was taken back by what this meant about my grandmother and I became very obsessed with the notion that she might have been a courtesan," Tan says.

The book is not based on Tan's grandmother, but it did set the stage for her latest novel, "The Valley of Amazement," a story about an American woman and her daughter, who becomes a courtesan during the overthrow of the Ching Dynasty.

Similar to Tan's book, "The Joy Luck Club," the mother-daughter relationship is a strong theme in her new novel. In the book, the mother betrays her daughter, Violet, by leaving her behind. This abandonment leaves a mark on Violet, who thirsts



## Quoted

**"It's about the search for enduring love and what it means."**

Tan, on the theme of her new book, "The Valley of Amazement"

for an enduring love and is not able to fully forgive her mother. "I know what [this feels like] because it happened to my sisters," Tan says. "They were left behind from my mother when she came to the U.S., and although they longed for her and loved her, they never quite forgave her."

Violet's coming-of-age story is made more complicated when she discovers that she's half American, half Chinese. For Violet to

learn she is biracial alienates her from both American privilege and Chinese community. For this part of the story, Tan again was inspired by her ancestors. "Both on my mother's side and my father's side there were family members who engaged with English-speaking translators," she says.

"The Valley of Amazement" is Tan's raciest book yet; she had never written a sex scene. "I avoided including it, but my editor told me, 'This takes place in a courtesan house. You have to have sex.' ... Wives actually used to visit courtesan houses and pay money to learn what courtesans did with their husbands, so you knew something special was happening there," she says.

But more than sex, family and self-identity, the book is about betrayal and the age-old question of whether love can really conquer all. "Enduring love can come from a mother, lover, husband or child, but it's about the search for that type of love and what it means," Tan says.

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# 'Hyperbole and a Half' is now available for shelves

**Interview.** We spoke to blogger Allie Brosh on the eve of her book premiere.

Allie Brosh is the creator of the tremendously popular comic blog Hyperbole and a Half. And now she's also the author of a book by the same name, subtitled: "unfortunate situations, flawed coping mechanisms, mayhem, and other things that happened."

#### Why write a book?

When I was a kid, I would write these epic monstrosities — I think I filled three spiral-bound notebooks with this story about a guy who would fight different things. That was his entire life, just

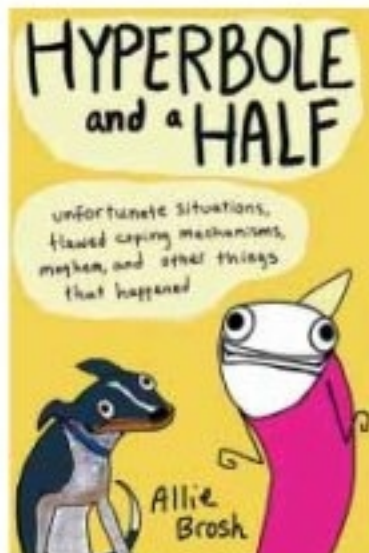
fighting things and going on an adventure where he would inevitably find more things to fight. So I've always enjoyed writing.

#### Were you sure your art would translate to print?

A physical page gave me some fun things to play around with as far as comedic timing goes, because you can conceal more information from the reader that way. You know, if you want to make sure someone doesn't scroll down and see the picture before they're meant to, you just put it on the next page.

#### What comes easier, drawing or writing?

Oh, gosh. I would say that I enjoy the art more. The writing is very enjoyable when I'm brainstorming or when I feel like I'm really in the zone. ... But



with drawing, I can put on music and draw.

#### Will you feel obligated to post more frequently on the blog after this?

I'll make more people happy as long as I keep the quality of my work up, rather than trying to be unreasonable and post more often than I'm able to churn out good content.

#### You recently wrote two posts about depression. Do you think you'll continue to touch upon more serious topics?

Serious topics are one of the best places for humor, because it makes them a little bit more accessible and easier to talk about — especially when you're dealing with something that's very scary and real for people, like depression. So I do think that I would like to continue writing more serious subjects with a bit of levity.

#### You write yourself as an introvert as well. How do you do a book tour?

I'm well socialized. And I like people! I couldn't do this every day, for the rest of my life, but ... I do enjoy meeting my readers.



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Seeing all the nooks and crannies of Old San Juan is a breeze with a walking tour by Legends of Puerto Rico. Guides spend hours (and sometimes days) with history buffs crafting a detailed tour of the city. Between the forts, churches, architecture, monuments, museums and plazas, there is much to see.

## Sunny San Juan. And you don't even need a passport!

Between its balmy Caribbean climate, bathwater beaches and buzzing nightlife, Puerto Rico's capital city of San Juan is a vibrant vacation destination for couples and singles alike.

For tourists interested in a glimpse into Puerto Rico's rich colonial history, the cobbled streets of Old San Juan, founded in the 16th century, have plenty to offer.

Nestled in the heart of the colonial settlement is **Hotel El Convento**, a former convent that housed nuns in the 17th century. Guests are whisked into the Old World by the building's Spanish-colonial decor; just steps away, pigeons flutter in one of the city's many plazas, and bells chime through the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista. Its romantic allure has made El Convento a top pick for destination weddings and honeymoons. Rooms overlook the hotel's open-air courtyard, Patio del

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Oceanfront rooms abound at La Concha. / MORGAN ROUSSEAU

Nispero, which was built around a 300-year-old tree. Lush plants add a lavish atmosphere to the newly renovated space, which serves authentic tapas and signature cocktails.

Speaking of booze, just blocks away the Global Warming cocktail steals the show at **Marmalade**. Though memorable, the drink is not for the faint of heart; a habanero chili-

infused spherical ice cube melts into the drink, making each sip of hibiscus tequila a little hotter. Nearby, La Taberna de Lupulo is a beer lover's paradise, but for those who came for the notorious Puerto Rican rum, Barrachina boasts having invented the piña colada.

For the Puerto Rico-bound traveler interested in unapologetic indul-

gence, Condado is the place. The beachfront neighborhood is packed with shops, sand, eateries and of course, bars. All are within reach at **La Concha Resort**, which offers a number of oceanfront rooms, a casino, a private beach and a dazzling lobby bar — a perfect backdrop for an adult-friendly escape.

"The Puerto Rican culture is rich. I hope ev-

erybody who comes here takes back a memory; a piece of our culture," says Luis Rivera, general manager of La Concha, which will begin property renovations in early 2014, including a new \$1 million spa in the Suite Tower.

If you find yourself there before then, however, do your body a favor and schedule a massage at **Euforia**. The spa, adjacent to the resort, truly lives up to its name with masseuses who make good on the promise to "take you on a trip, mami." Spring for a beachside rub down — salty and sultry.

With winter coming up, resorts are preparing for the busy season; Puerto Rico tourism tends to heat up around Christmas and die down in April.

"We find that a lot of people come here to escape the cold," says Militza Orama, director of sales and marketing at La Concha. "It's close and convenient; if you're American, you don't even need a passport."



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## Escape farther. Get off the mainland and head to Vieques

Only a short flight away from mainland Puerto Rico lays the peaceful and untouched island of Vieques. The U.S. Navy used the island for military exercises through 2003. Today, the former Navy land is a national wildlife refuge.

Vieques offers the chance to completely unwind and explore nature on its azure-colored beaches, many of which still have their Navy-given names. Kayak tours through the world-famous Bioluminescent Bay are a must-do, as well.

### Where to stay

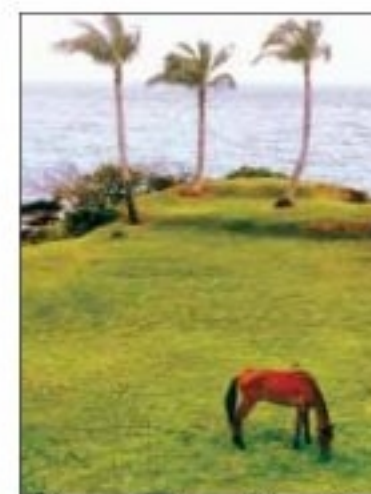
The **W Retreat & Spa — Vieques Island** is an oceanfront oasis that captures the tranquil vibe of the island. Start your day with a beachside yoga class, sip cocktails by the pools and cabanas, and indulge in dishes influenced by Puerto Rican heritage at Sorce.

### What to do

Kayaking isn't only a

daytime excursion; take a night ride through one of the world's few bioluminescent bays. **Bieque Eco Trips** offers such tours of the bay, which also goes by Mosquito Bay. A microorganism that lights up whenever the water is disturbed causes the luminescence. Rowing through the water leaves a trail of fluorescent blue. Leave your camera behind; this magical phenomenon cannot be captured in photos.

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# Pulling off gold makeup

**Trend.** The runways were filled with metallic, glittery eyes, brows and lips this year. For everyday wear, simply work in a hint of warm, sparkly hues to get that candlelit glow.

The gold makeup looks that dominated the spring/summer '14 shows were the beautiful kinds of flights of fancy that only work on a catwalk. You don't want to dazzle your colleagues with all your eye bling or crack a tooth on the metallic gold embellishments that fell off your bottom lip and landed in your granola.

"Gold makeup is incredibly flattering and works with all skin tones — pretty much everyone can [wear] a chocolate bronze. It's



A Christian Dior model walks the runway at Paris Fashion Week. PASCAL LE SEGRETAIR, GETTY IMAGES

like adding sunlight to your face," says makeup artist Florrie White, who's worked with the likes of Blake Lively and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley.

She shows us how to play with the trend:

## Highlight your face

"A gold highlight — try the Smashbox Halo Highlighting Wand in Gold or NARS multipurpose stick in

Malibu — will give you that candlelit luminosity. Start with the inner corner of the eyes and the temples, this opens them up and takes away tiredness. Next, dab some on to the apple of your cheek so that it creates a fuzzy glow. Highlight the bridge of the nose for an extra spot of light and your cupid bow to create a fuller top lip."

## Warm your eyes

"Go for a blown-out, gold-bronze smoky eye by using a chocolate gold liner under the eye, like Charlotte Tilbury's eye pencil in Sophia. Really bring out the lash line by blending it down. Next, take a gold eye shadow, such as L'Oreal Color Infallible in Goldmine, and wash it all over the lid. Blend it out so that you get a warm glow behind the lashes. Enhance the look by adding a little bit of a darker eye shadow, such as Color Infallible in Sahara, in the eye sockets."

## Best face forward

### Finishing touches

**1** Frame the eyes by slightly grooming and filling in your eyebrows.

**2** Apply a glittery beige-nude on your lips. Besame Cosmetics' lipstick in Champagne works well.

**3** Make sure your mascara is combed through and that you don't get powder or cream stuck on the lashes, as this will take away from your lash line.

**4** Add some gold flecks to your face with NARS Orgasm Blush.



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## 'MODERN' MOM ON A MISSION

### Parenting tips.

Julie Bowen makes dealing with kids' allergies a piece of (nut-free) cake.

Julie Bowen has always been a risk taker. During her high school days at St. George's School in Middletown, R.I., students dared one another to sneak down to the beach in the snow. Years later, she chose to keep running after tearing her hip labrum at mile 20 of a marathon training run. But the "Modern Family" star is not taking any risks when it comes to her son Oliver's allergies. She is teaming up with the Get Schooled in Anaphylaxis campaign, helping school communities to better understand and prepare for the potential consequences of life-threatening allergies.

Anaphylaxis is a rapid and severe allergic reaction to a particular trigger, such as a food or a bee sting. For Oliver, it was both. "He did have an anaphylactic reaction to peanuts and a bee sting," Bowen says. "I realized how easily I could have made a mistake, not knowing what his allergies were or what his triggers were," she says. "The 'what if?' keeps me up at night. That's why I'm involved with Anaphylaxis 101."

Anaphylaxis 101 aims to educate parents, kids and school administrators about the allergic reaction so they know what to do when a problem occurs. In spite of her precautions

with Oliver's diet, Bowen notes there have been close calls.

"We were out as a family at a beautiful hotel with a buffet," she says. Although a basket of muffins was labeled "nut-free," Bowen's internal mom-voice told her to take a bite first. "That nut-free muffin was loaded with walnuts," she says. "It could have been a very bad day for all of us. We would have had to use the epinephrine injector."

All of this foresight and preparation helps Bowen and her family to relax. "I have three really active boys. One of them happens to have food allergies. Because we have a plan, because we know the signs and symptoms; because we are aware, we live a totally normal life," she says.

Part of the plan is teaching kids to read labels. Kids can also follow "The Adventures of Ana and Phyl Axis" and learn how to avoid allergens online at [Anaphylaxis101.com](http://Anaphylaxis101.com). Bowen narrates the clever and adorable free e-book, out now.

**"MODERN FAMILY"  
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KNOWS A THING OR  
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### Three tips for dealing with anaphylaxis

#### Know what to expect

Some allergies can be life-threatening if they aren't dealt with quickly and properly. Get a list of common allergic triggers and learn how to treat them at [Anaphylaxis101.com](http://Anaphylaxis101.com).

#### Tell school administrators



Raising a child with special dietary needs? Follow these tips! / DIGITAL VISION

If your child has special food needs, make sure their teachers and other

school workers know. Twenty-four percent of anaphylactic reactions happen to children whose school workers did not know they had allergies.

#### Educate your kids

Teaching them to read food labels and knowing what ingredients to avoid promotes self-care.

## Horoscope

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.**  
Express the way you feel. The way you deal with others will show what kind of person you are and will result in opportunities.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.**  
Solidify your financial picture by collecting or paying off a debt. Taking care of money matters will ease your stress. A clean slate will facilitate changes.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.**  
Restlessness must be dealt with wisely. Instead of making an impulsive move, concentrate on developing a better way.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.**  
Work quietly on your own, where you can accomplish the most. A move will help a work-related situation.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.**  
Revisit your current strategy, and you'll find a flaw that can offset a financial loss. Feel confident that you have taken care of every detail.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.**  
Don't question what others do; just make sure that you take care of your responsibilities. Your need to make changes must be monitored.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.**  
Forming a partnership will help you accomplish twice as much. Learn while you go, and you will make headway.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.**  
Listen carefully and ask questions. Someone is likely to hide information. Don't waste time getting angry.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.**  
You've got plenty to contribute; voice your opinion and reach out with suggestions, questions and whatever else you can offer. It's a good day to make some gains.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.**  
Choose company carefully. Someone will want to join you, and someone will complain. Don't labor over what to do.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.**  
Discuss your plans and consider your options. Don't let personal matters cloud your vision. Question anyone who's playing emotional games with you.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.**  
A last-minute change of plans can be expected. Choose the path of least resistance. Don't fold under pressure. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Half of DJ  
5 — in the bucket  
10 Sampras of tennis  
14 Ms. Rudner  
15 Show "Gunsmoke" again  
16 Like good cheddar  
17 Yul's film realm  
18 Heavy-metal rockers (2 wds.)  
20 Blow, as a volcano  
22 Prime  
23 Souvenirs  
25 Get wind of  
26 Where Alph the sacred river ran  
27 Crumpet companion  
28 Exploits  
32 Wheels for the fields  
33 Process ore  
35 Transmitted  
36 Homonym of sea  
37 Wis. neighbor  
38 "Norma —"  
39 Almost fall  
41 Dispense  
43 Mocking comment  
44 Fjord port  
45 "— the Force be with you!"  
46 Usher in  
48 Give credit  
50 Masculine  
51 Temper, as glass

- 54 Worn out  
55 Pernicious weed  
57 Upscale singer?  
61 Bone below the elbow  
62 Taxpayer's dread  
63 Sooner city  
64 Oodles (2 wds.)  
65 Substantial  
66 Hurry

## Down

- 1 Rx givers  
2 Big Ben numeral  
3 Depot (abbr.)  
4 Photo takers  
5 Demanding  
6 Ocean waters  
7 Huck's vessel  
8 Olive yield  
9 Cookbook word  
10 Paper-making reed  
11 Mild rejoinder  
12 Trillion, in combos  
13 Dust devil  
19 Potpie veggie  
21 Disposed of  
23 Provides the eats  
24 Disclose  
25 "Good day!"  
26 Craft knife (hyph.)  
27 Brit's tube  
29 Cliff-hanger  
30 Permit

- 31 Knight's mount  
34 La Scala city  
40 Dogpatch's Lonesome —  
41 Dental filling  
42 Parched  
43 Football player  
47 Before  
49 Sturdy tree  
50 Call on  
51 Soft color  
52 Empty, in math  
53 Prefix for second  
54 "Hooray for me!" (hyph.)  
56 Street in Paris  
58 Be — — rush  
59 "Old" London theatre  
60 "Orange" or "stock" ending

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## Letters

## Thanks for men's health articles

Hey, I noticed that recently you've been writing articles about men's health and I wanted to say thank you.

EVAN RUNG, VIA EMAIL

## GOP has been vocal indeed

**Re: 'Government: The Newest Charity Case' (Metro, Nov. 4)**

Who's to blame? The GOP? Seriously? No one really spoke out? Where have you been these last five years? The GOP, most notably the Tea Party Republicans, have been screaming at the top of their lungs trying to overturn it and then try to defund it! It has just been falling on deaf ears, including YOUR deaf ears too. You obviously voted for Obama — TWICE, and are now trying to shift the blame on the Republicans for not trying hard enough to stop

it. Hopefully, laryngitis will be protected under Obamacare as a pre-existing condition for all the yelling of, "We told you so, we told you so!"

RICHARD RIZZA, VIA EMAIL

## Vote!

Today is Election Day and it is the day on which all good Americans should step up and vote for the candidates of their choice who they believe can both serve the city, state and local communities. There are those who say that "my vote doesn't count" or "the candidates will maintain the status quo of the rich and powerful, and line their own pockets." Well, there are those who are running for public office who want to make a difference and honestly want to help those who are hurting. That is not going to happen if we don't vote. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL**

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# WILL REAL NICK FOLES PLEASE STAND UP?

Nick Foles is an amazing young quarterback, a gunslinger capable of throwing seven touchdown passes in a single game. Nick Foles is a horrible young quarterback, a noodle arm unable to perform under pressure. Take your pick.

After the most improbable twist in his already implausible NFL career, Foles is either the future, or a foolish pipe dream. He is either one of the most accurate throwers in the team's history, or a turn-over machine. He is either a leader or a choker.

There has never been a quarterback like Nick Foles on the Eagles. His performance in Sunday's astonishing 49-20 rout of Oakland merely added to his mystery. In that game, Foles threw an NFL-record seven touchdown passes in just over 40 minutes of action, accumulating 406 passing yards and a perfect QB rating of 158.3.

Two weeks earlier, he managed only 80 passing yards in a pitiful 17-3 loss to Dallas. It was a performance so hideous, Foles lost most of the city of Philadelphia that day. In fact, he was accused of the worst crime imaginable for a professional athlete:

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A majority of the fans thought he had choked.

How could someone who played so well in Oakland have been so awful against the Cowboys? That was the question I wanted answered yesterday when coach Chip Kelly called in to my WIP radio show. Unfortunately, that's still the question I'm trying to answer today. The best Kelly could come up with is that everybody has a bad day once in a while.

If the Dallas game really was just a bad day, then the Eagles might have the quarterback of their future right here already. They might not have to fantasize about Marcus Mariota of Oregon

or Teddy Bridgewater of Louisville. If Kelly's high-speed offense can put up 49 points in 40 minutes against a Top-10 NFL defense with Foles in charge, why look elsewhere?

If it were only that easy. The quandary Kelly now faces is more complex than one bad game. Can the coach trust a young player who failed spectacularly in his biggest test? Can Kelly build a future on the shaky legs of someone who cringed when the pressure got too intense?

Kelly has tempered his comments about Foles from the day he took over, creating the impression that he wasn't eager to tie his fortunes to a quarterback he inherited from Andy Reid. When confronted with that perception, Kelly said it was "1,000 percent wrong."

Maybe so. Maybe, after a performance that dazzled the fans, Foles has finally provided a reason for the coach and the city to trust him again. Maybe he really is the future of the Eagles after all.

But remember, this is Nick Foles, a young quarterback who deals only in extremes. Oakland or Dallas? A stud or a dud? Take your pick.



Foles is an enigma. Is he the guy who flopped against Dallas? Or is he the player who stunned Oakland? / GETTY IMAGES

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## SPORTS

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### Sixers rookie honored

Sixers rookie Michael Carter-Williams was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week yesterday. He joins Shaquille O'Neal as the only players to win the award in their first week in the NBA. He averaged 20.7 points in three games.

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## Cataldi. Brown's unassuming style winning over fans

In a city with all rookie coaches and a rookie manager, the early leader among them is an unlikely one — Brett Brown.

The new Sixers coach didn't arrive with the fanfare of Chip Kelly, or the pedigree of Ryne Sandberg, or the familiarity of Craig Berube, but he has forced Philadelphia to pay attention to what he is doing with our basketball team. Brown accomplished this feat with simple talk, an unassuming style and an amazing three straight wins.

Brown waited 25 years for a chance to coach an NBA team, and he came here knowing the Sixers are too young and not nearly talented enough to harbor any serious aspirations this season. Yet, he has already started developing young stars like Michael Carter-Williams while overseeing team basketball. These kids are fun to watch.

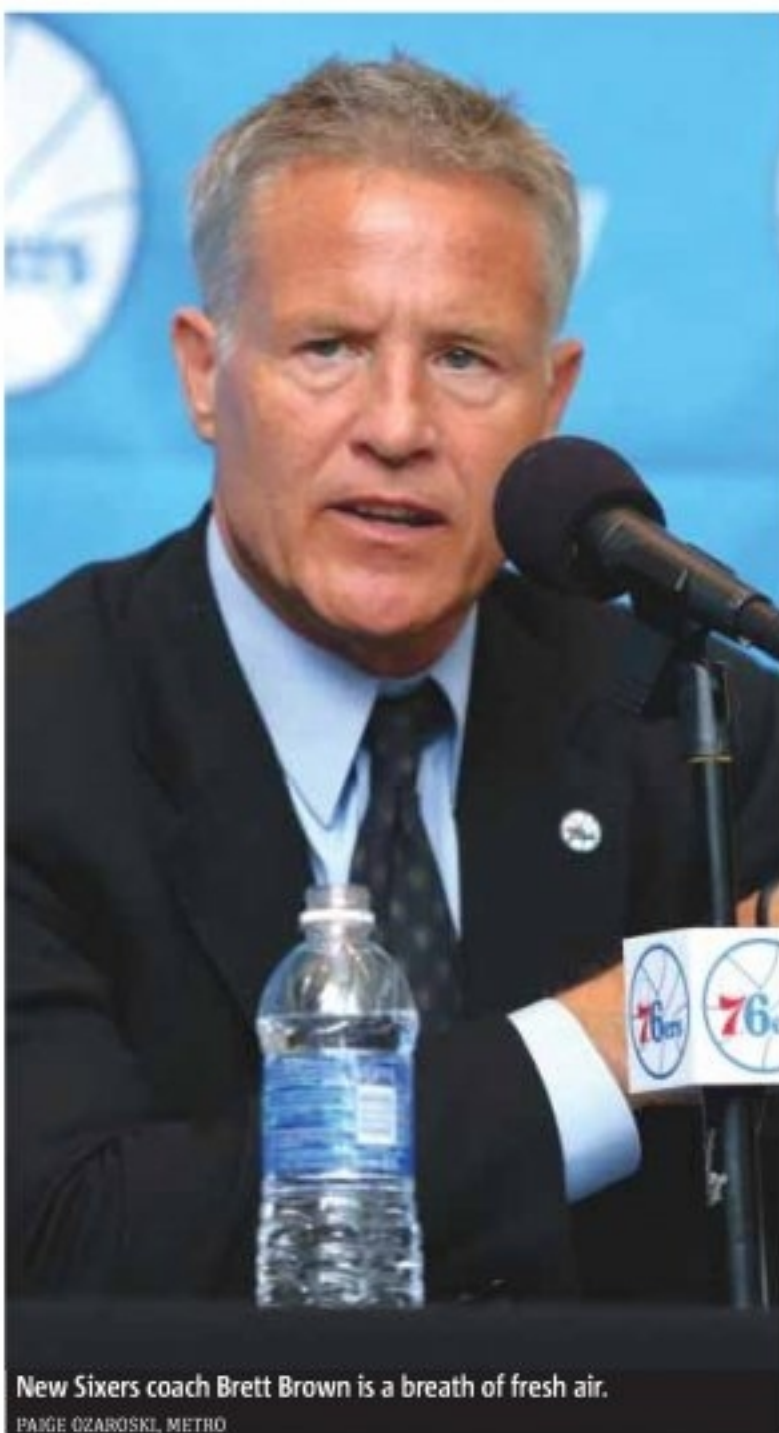
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### Cataldi's take

**"Brown has forced Philadelphia to pay attention to what he is doing with our basketball team."**

is mock the carpetbagger owners and the PR ineptitude of the Sixers, and there is every reason to believe my assault will resume soon. This isn't a good team and they are, at best, unconventional in the way they relate to Philly. With the notable exception of their impressive new coach.

Brown is off to a very good start in all aspects of his challenging job. He prepares his team well, he answers questions honestly and he has a down-to-earth approach that is connecting with the fans. In a city of rookie bosses, the other guys could definitely learn something from Brett Brown right now. **ANGELO CATALDI**



New Sixers coach Brett Brown is a breath of fresh air.

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### Opinion

## 'Fire Holmgren' chants should inspire 'Fire Snider' chants

Something happened at the Wells Fargo Center last week that was long overdue. The patient and understanding fans of the Flyers snapped. They rocked the building with chants to "Fire Holmgren!" in a rare public display of anger toward a franchise that has failed to win a championship for 38 years. Hallelujah.

Friday night's 7-0 humiliation against the Capitals was the most dramatic example of the decay of this team under the stubborn leadership of chairman Ed Snider and his shameless bobo, GM Paul Holmgren.

Through all the years of falling short, Flyers fans have looked the other way, savoring their distant memories of the mid-1970s while paying more and more money for less and less satisfac-

tion. Their acceptance of the status quo in a franchise desperate for change is part of the reason for the stagnancy.

The embarrassment of that loss Friday and the stupid behavior accompanying it finally caused a revolt even Snider cannot ignore.

Since denying that the team needed a fresh perspective last month, Snider has appointed a former goon, Craig Berube, as coach, traded for a goon, Steve Downie, and then watched his team goon it up when they were getting crushed.

And, now even the most forgiving fans can forgive no more. Those fans were right to clamor for the departure of Holmgren. And, the next chant should be directed at the real problem with the Flyers, Snider himself.

He isn't worthy of the blind support he has received — and, thankfully, he isn't receiving any more. **ANGELO CATALDI**

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# Kelly won't make permanent switch

**NFL.** Chip Kelly wouldn't name Nick Foles his starter for the season, but Mike Vick is still not healthy.

If you thought Chip Kelly would come out and name Nick Foles his permanent starting quarterback, then you haven't been following the Eagles this season.

While the coach did admit Foles would take the first-team reps this week — and that he had no time frame for Mike Vick's return — he's not ready to make a formal announcement regarding Foles. Kelly's focused on the here and now.

"I think you can look at his short career in the last two or three weeks here to kind of see how quickly it can go from one week to the next week," Kelly said yesterday, of Foles. "He went from NFC Player of the Week against Tampa Bay to not playing very well against the Cowboys to



Chip Kelly praised Nick Foles's performance yesterday, but isn't ready to anoint him the savior. / GETTY IMAGES

now coming back.

"He's probably got a life full of lessons in the last three weeks. I don't think that will affect him. That's just not the type of guy he is. I don't see that ever happening to Nick."

Despite a pristine passer rating of 158.3 from Foles against Oak-

land, Kelly didn't want to anoint him the savior. Nobody's perfect, after all. However, Kelly praised his young signal-caller, especially for his ability to convert third-and-longs.

"Those are difficult down-and-distances to convert," Kelly said.

"And I think that was really kind of the key, especially early to keep us on the field and keep our offense going. But two big-time plays, he played really, really well."



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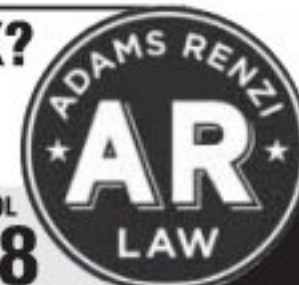
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